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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION,))
Plaintiff,)
vs.	Civil Action No.: 04CV 1512
EQUITY FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC, TECH TRADERS, INC., TECH TRADERS, LTD., MAGNUM INVESTMENTS, LTD., MAGNUM CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, LTD.,	Honorable Robert B. Kugler Honorable Robert B. Kugler
VINCENT J. FIRTH, ROBERT W. SHIMER, COYT E. MURRAY, and J.))
VERNON ABERNETHY Defendants))
Defendants.	,

NOTICE WITH RESPECT TO EQUITY RECEIVER'S OBJECTIONS TO CERTAIN INVESTOR CLAIMS

TO: All claimants whose claims are subject to Equity Receiver's objections

This is to notify you regarding procedures established by the Court for responding to the claim objections filed by Stephen T. Bobo (the "Equity Receiver"), the Equity Receiver of Defendants Equity Financial Group, LLC, Tech Traders, Inc., Tech Traders, Ltd., Magnum Investments, Ltd., Magnum Capital Investments, Ltd., Vincent J. Firth, and Robert W. Shimer.

THIS NOTICE MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS. PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE NOTICE CAREFULLY.

- 1. You have previously been served with a copy of the Equity Receiver's Objections to Certain Investor Claims, wherein the Equity Receiver objected to your particular claim.
- 2. The Court has set the following schedule for claimants to respond to the Equity Receiver's objections, should they so choose to do so.
- 3. The Court has set May 6, 2005 as the deadline for claimants to respond to legal issues in the Equity Receiver's objections. If you wish to challenge the Equity Receiver's objection to your claim on legal grounds that is, if you agree with the facts the Equity Receiver presented in his objection to your particular claim, but you dispute the Equity Receiver's proposed treatment of your claim you may do so in writing by filing your response with the Court on or before Friday, May 6, 2005 and simultaneously serving a copy of the response on the Equity Receiver.
- 4. The Court has set May 13, 2005 as the deadline for claimants to respond to factual issues in the Equity Receiver's objections. If you wish to challenge the Equity Receiver's objection to your claim on a *factual* basis that is, if you disagree with any of the facts the Equity Receiver presented in his objection to your particular claim you may do so by filing in writing your response with the Court on or before Friday, May 13, 2005 and simultaneously serving a copy of the response on the Equity Receiver.
- 5. The Court has set May 13, 2005 as the final deadline for claimants to submit all required documents to complete your claims. If the Equity Receiver's sole objection to your claim is that you failed to submit all the required supporting documentation, you may cure this defect by submitting to the Equity Receiver all the supporting documents required for your claim to be deemed complete on or before Friday, May 13, 2005. Failure to submit these

documents may result in the disallowance of your claim without further notice to you. If you have any questions concerning the required documentation, contact Raven Moore at the address or telephone number provided below.

6. Your response, if you choose to file one, must be submitted in writing with the name and number of the case prominently displayed on the first page, signed and filed in duplicate with the Clerk of this Court, with a copy simultaneously served upon the Equity Receiver. The address of the Clerk of the Court is:

Clerk of the Court
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
Mitchell H. Cohen Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse
1 John F. Gerry Plaza
Camden, NJ 08101

The Equity Receiver's address is:

Stephen T. Bobo Sachnoff & Weaver, Ltd. 10 S. Wacker Drive Suite 4000 Chicago, IL 60606

- 7. The Equity Receiver will serve the parties in this case with copies of all responses received from claimants.
- 8. As soon as possible after May 13, 2005, you will be notified by mail as to whether and when the Court will conduct one or more hearings on all or some of the Equity Receiver's Objections to Certain Investor Claims and, if so, whether you will be required to attend the hearing.

9. Inquiries concerning this Notice should be addressed to:

Raven Moore Sachnoff & Weaver, Ltd. 10 South Wacker Drive Suite 4000 Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 207-1000

10. You may also obtain additional information and updates regarding this matter at www.shastacapitalassociates.com.

Attorney for Equity Receiver

Dated: April 13, 2005

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Raven Moore, on oath hereby certify that I caused copies of the NOTICE WITH

RESPECT TO EQUITY RECEIVER'S OBJECTIONS TO CERTAIN INVESTOR

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